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CRISIS IN KENTUCKY APPROACHING CLIMAX.

It Is No Longer Believed That the Actual Assassin of Goebel Was a Negro.

Analysis of Wharton Golden's Sensational Testimony—Grand Jury to Take Hold—Judges in Danger, but Fearless—Culton's Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Louisville, Ky., March 25.—Who is the man with the dark mustache to whom Secretary of State Powers gave the key to his office before he fled to Louisville on the morning of the Goebel assassination? That is a question that has been asked many times since Wharton Golden gave his sensational testimony on the stand yesterday. Golden stated that he knew the man, and that he had seen him in Frankfort yesterday, meaning the time of his testimony.

The fact that Attorney Campbell did not press on this point and said the name of the man is regarded as significant, and is one of the several incidents that goes to show that the Commonwealth will not reveal its hand until the final trial. That the man who was given the key had a personal knowledge of the assassin, if he was not the director of the whole plot, is believed by many. Who the man is the Commonwealth is unwilling to tell at the present time, but there are reasons to believe that William H. Culton, one of the men now held, and whose hearing will follow Powers', is the man suspected by the prosecution. Whether the cross-examination of Golden will bring out this point remains to be seen.

TO PREVENT BLOODSHED.

Rival Adjutants General at Frankfort Confer.

Frankfort, Ky., March 25.—Notwithstanding that troops recognizing the dual government were quartered within two squares of each other, the Republican troops at the State House under orders from Republican Governor Taylor, and the Democratic troops at the courthouse, guarding Prisoners Powers, Culton and Davis, under orders from Democratic Governor Beckham—the day that followed the assassination.

White Man Suspected.

Despite the statement of Golden that "Yellow Dick" Combs expressed a desire to kill Goebel and his ability to do so far as he could see him, it is believed that the man who fired the shot is a white man, and that his name will be brought out at the present hearing of the three men under arrest. Sid Baker of Clay County, a noted partisan in the Baker-Howard feud, and the man Philpot, also of that feud, are believed by the prosecution to have had an intimate knowledge on this point. The tactic of Berry Howard, himself a feud leader, and who was in charge of one of the delegations of feminists, may develop something on this line. Sid Baker is the man accused of having killed Tom Baker from ambush when he was protected by soldiers during his trial at the Manchester Courthouse last year.

The examining trial of Culton may establish a relation between Culton and Sid Baker. The case of Culton will be called as soon as the defense gets through in the Powers' case. The cross-examination of Golden and the introduction of witnesses by the defense may be concluded to-morrow afternoon.

There is little doubt from the evidence thus far taken that the three accused men, Powers, Davis and Culton, will be held to answer.

Grand Jury Soon to Meet.

The Grand Jury will convene a week from next Monday, when the whole matter of the assassination will be taken up by it. Meantime there will be no more arrests, as the action of the Grand Jury is awaited. If the claims of the Commonwealth are established, there will be indictments against the seven men now under arrest—Sutton, Whitaker, Jones, Haslip, Caleb Powers, Culton and Davis, and the fugitives Charles Finley and John Powers, and also against others prominent in the party as leaders, who have been mentioned in the testimony and incriminated by it. But it is safe to say that the next arrests will be on warrants issued as a result of action by the Grand Jury.

There will be witnesses before the Grand Jury who have not yet appeared at the hearings, and who have not been mentioned in the case, and it is on them that the Commonwealth must strongly relies.

Dangerous Situation.

Frankfort, Ky., March 25.—The examining trial of the Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers will be resumed to-morrow morning. Sergeant F. Wharton Golden, who, it is alleged, turned State's evidence, will continue on the witness stand for cross-examination, his direct testimony having been completed Saturday.

When he is introduced, Mrs. Golden, his wife, will be introduced as a witness for the prosecution, and it is reported that she will corroborate her husband's testimony on many important points.

The physicians who made the autopsy on the body of the late Governor Goebel also will probably be introduced as witnesses.

FOUGHT IN THE DARK.

Missouri University Students Engaged in a Battle.

Columbia, Mo., March 25.—Students of the State University engaged in a furious pitched battle in the auditorium of the institution last night. There was intense rivalry between the classes over the preliminary contest to select representatives of Missouri University to appear in the debate with Nebraska University, which takes place here in May.

While awaiting the decision of the judges when the debate was over, members of the academic classes and the law students came together in front of the rostrum and fought. The lights were turned out and the struggle went on in the dark, doors being broken down and furniture smashed. Six of the students had their clothing torn into ribbons, but none were badly hurt.

The debaters selected by the judges are Milton M. Meares of Columbia, John Framer of Carrollton, Mo., and R. L. Ward of Clubb, Mo.

INSURGENTS AGGRESSIVE.

Persistently Attack Troops in General Young's District.

Manila, March 25.—La Patria and El Liberal, Spanish organs of the extreme Filipino party, have recently been publishing articles critical of the military government. General Otis has suppressed the former journal for seditious and impudent editor, and the same paper issues a warning to the members of the extreme party that they should observe greater moderation.

Senior Paterno, at one time president of the so-called Filipino Cabinet, having received permission from the authorities to come to Manila, is expected to present himself this week at San Fernando, Province of Union.

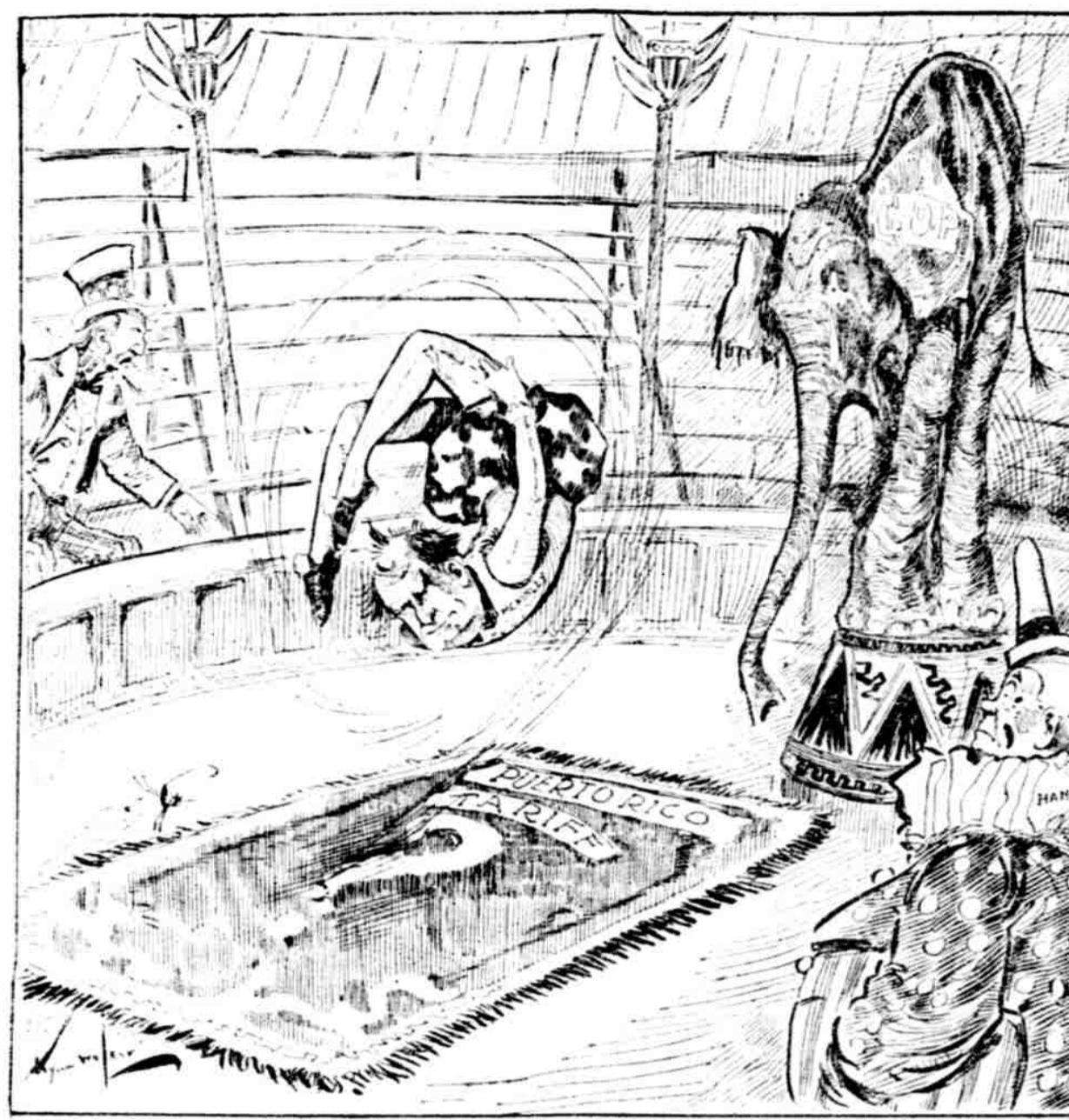
A Week of Unrest.

The fact that this week the accused conspirators may be held without bond, that the Court of Appeals will take up the gubernatorial case and that the Grand Jury on the Monday following will take up the assassination case, will serve to make this a week of great unrest. All may go peacefully, but all may not. In the mountains militia companies are ready to come to Frankfort at a moment's notice and aid Taylor in retaking forcible possession of the State buildings and records. In Western Kentucky is a full regiment, almost as it came back from a long service in Cuba, ready to aid the Democrats in seizing the officers who have been declared entitled to the places now held by the Republicans, all save Taylor, without warrant of law, as the agreement regarding possession affects only the governorship.

The other cases were disposed of by the Contest Board. The minor Democratic officers did not press their demand for possession as it was decided to wait till the Government was settled, when all should act together.

Golden Closely Watched.

There have been many threats against



UNCLE SAM: "FOR HEAVEN SAKES, MACK, YOU TURNED FLIP FLOPS ENOUGH ON THAT!"

LEADING TOPICS —IN— TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Fair Monday and Tuesday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

For Illinois—Fair Monday; warmer in northwest portion; Tuesday fair; warmer in northern and central portions; variable winds.

For Arkansas—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday; variable winds.

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2. Wide Republican Split in Illinois.

3. Sermons and Services at the Churches.

4. Empress An's Shrewd Move. Murray Ready for Investigation. The Open Door Policy.

Friends Will Attend. Woman Describes Gallant Joubert. Coming in Line. Shipbuilding Trust's Hold.

5. Baseball Schedule for 1900. St. Louis Team Defeat Memphis. West Ends Win from Detroit. Bowles Slams With New York. Bowling Tournament.

6. Editorial. The Stage. Tale of Immigration Continues. May Issue Half-Cent Piece. Aged Persons Eloge. Look Beautiful Washington.

7. Archbishop J. J. Keane's Lecture. Reverend W. W. King's Farewell. Happy Orange Braves. Bootblack's Enterprise. Temperance Lecture. St. Louis Conference.

8. News From Our National Capital. Lead and Zinc Report. Cuban Taxation Plan. Injuries Prove Fatal. Change of Plans.

11. Movement of Grain. Live Stock Markets. River News. Cotton Markets.

Tried to Kill a Priest. Saint Louis County Notes.

12. Emperor of China Albed Poor Ju Ho. Hulls in Wall Street Glad. Metal Workers Push Organization. American Tract Society. Popular Religious Sect. Coal Famine in Germany. An Exciting Dinner. Thieves Take Rare Volumes.

UNCLE SAM SWINDLED.

Government Robbed of Millions by Padded Mails.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 25.—The padding of mail at a time when the average weight is determined for a four years' contract between the railroads and the Government is exposed in clear, convincing form by a remarkable affidavit by H. C. Fichtig, a former station agent at Newcastle, Colo. Fichtig is now a Government employee.

Letters, telegrams and photographed samples show the methods by which the Government is annually robbed of millions of dollars.

Fichtig declares that sacks of Congressional Records and other matter were shipped by the railroads from one point to another, weighed at each station and returned to the originating station, in order to increase the tonnage of Government mail. He declares that the annual swindle must reach anywhere between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, which the Government pays to the railroads in excess of legitimate charges.

An affidavit now in the possession of the Postmaster General, and attached to which are letters and telegrams, implicate two railroads.

ONE WOMAN KILLS ANOTHER.

Jealousy Causes Mrs. Hogg to Shoot Mrs. Gurley.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Vienna, III., March 25.—Mrs. Vesta Hogg of this city, in a fit of jealousy, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Clara Gurley, a neighbor, this afternoon. Mrs. Hogg was arrested and placed in jail.

Sonora, Mexico, March 25.—General Terres' force of Mexican troops has a large body of Yaqui Indians surrounded a short distance north of Torin, and the early surrender or complete annihilation of the rebels is considered certain to take place.

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YACQUIS SURROUNDED.

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CRBS.

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BOER AGENTS ARE COMING.

A Commission Carrying Plea From Kruger to McKinley.

MAFEKING'S PLIGHT.

Boer Shells Effective There—Free State Situation.

BY MILTON V. SNYDER,
SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Monday, March 26.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)

I had a long talk yesterday with a distinguished Boer whom I cannot disclose, though I may state that he is a relation of President Kruger, has held political positions in the Transvaal, is the son of a well-known Boer general, and is very rich. He told me many important things, some of which I am not allowed to repeat, but I can state that President Kruger's delegates are coming to Europe, bring with them a proposition from the small Republics to the greatest Republic.

The best shot belonging to the Boers.

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Mafeking, Wednesday, March 14.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)

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The Boers are reported much disengaged.

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My informant also declared that there was not the least danger of the Boers destroying the mines.

"That report," he said, "must have been invented by our enemy. It would mean to us merely destroying our own property."

Referring to Mr. Montague White's statements on this subject in Washington, he said:

"They were totally unauthorized. He had absolutely no right to say anything of the kind, and what he has said gives a false, harmful impression."

I asked him what he thought of the war as it stood at present, and his candid reply was:

"With three to one, or even five to one, the English could not beaten us, but we recognize now that British forces have come in such overwhelming numbers that the war, for us, has reached a very critical period. That is why we have hurried our delegates over here."

At this point he told me in confidence of the mission of these delegates. All I can say now is that they will with the utmost speed return to Berlin, Brussels, and then to the United States.

Their mission is all important and of the utmost international interest.

I asked this relation of President Kruger what significance he gave to Oom Paul's prophecy that if the British ever entered Pretoria the price would "stagger humanity."

He said:

"The President means that when we sold nothing but we received nothing in return."

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